

them. They are all fairly thick here. But this one, as I understand it, this first one is essentially the same as the committee amendments as they were amended by you. Well, members of the Legislature, I have the same problems I had the other day. There is going to be this commission on judicial work loads and you are going to have...the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be the Chairman. You will have another Supreme Court Justice on this panel, two judges, one is a district judge and one is a county judge. And they will be appointed by the Supreme Court. So there you have four judges, either members of the Supreme Court or appointed by the Supreme Court on this commission. And there will be three members of the Bar Association and two citizens, two citizens appointed by the Governor. But what it comes right back down to is that we are still going to have...we are still going to have three judicial districts, three main judicial districts in the state. One of them is going to be Lancaster County. One of them is going to be Douglas County and the other district is the rest of the state. Not even the congressional districts are divided up in that manner. You know, we have the big third congressional district but that certainly does not encompass that much territory. I just can't understand the rationale behind this plan to have three districts, but two counties constitute two districts and 91 counties constitute the other district. This absolutely should not be allowed to happen. We have also heard about the possibilities of this being unconstitutional delegation of authority of the Legislature. I ask that the motion be rejected.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask Senator Beutler if he would yield to a question or two. Senator Beutler...

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler is available.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...could you explain to me the rationale why Douglas and Sarpy County are each considered separate districts?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator Higgins, Douglas County is a separate district and Lancaster County is a separate district and the reason for that is because a lot of lawyers, when I was talking about this particular plan or